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2009 UNIFORM CRIME REPORT COMPARISON

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police are releasing the 2008-2009 Uniform Crime Report Comparison. The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet a need for reliable, uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics, which are provided by nearly 17,000 law enforcement agencies across the United States.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Maryland State Police collect data monthly for the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The combined statistics for 2009 indicate an overall decrease in crime in Frederick County of 7 % from the previous year.

Maryland State Police Comments

"The Maryland State Police did show an increase in crimes from 2008 to 2009, but it's great to see that the overall crime rate in Frederick County is on the decline some 7%," Lt. Michael Brady, Barrack Commander in Frederick commented. "It's clear that law enforcement agencies are making a concerted effort to deter crime," he said. The statistics show that homicides, due to family violence, robberies, burglaries and thefts were up in 2009, but also that the Maryland State Police made some significant apprehensions. One of the more notable arrests was the Philly Cheese Steak robbery where four suspects were apprehended and charged. Lt. Brady said, "It's important to recognize that while 14 robberies occurred in 2009, 17 suspects were charged for those crimes."

Lt. Brady added, "The Maryland State Police are committed to serving the public and will continue to take pro-active measures to reduce crime in the community. Citizens are encouraged to assist law enforcement by taking preventive measures such as securing homes and vehicles; keep valuable items out of sight and report crime immediately to help minimize crime in the community."

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In August 2009 the Maryland State Police and Frederick County Sheriff's Office combined investigative resources to form the Frederick County Bureau of Investigation (FCBI). This unit facilitates the sharing of information, the development of expertise in various investigations, and consolidates resources for the betterment of Frederick County. "This consolidation has shown immediate results as evidenced by the numerous arrests made by investigators, but the full positive impact of this partnership has not yet been realized," said Lt. Brady.

Frederick County Sheriff's Office Comments

Commenting on the 2009 Uniform Crime Statistics, Sheriff Chuck Jenkins said, "I am very pleased to see that crime is down 7% throughout Frederick County. It's evident that law enforcement agencies in this community are effectively working well together, one example being the Frederick County Bureau of Investigation (FCBI) established in 2009. I am particularly happy with the 13% decrease in crime in the areas of the county served by the Frederick County Sheriff's Office." Several of the programs and initiatives like the 287g Program, Pro-Active Criminal Enforcement (PACE), and a very effective Crime Analysis Unit are also making a significant positive impact on property and person crimes.

Similar to the Maryland State Police, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office did also see a large increase in homicides directly attributed to family violence. Three categories of crimes that showed very marked decreases for the Sheriff's Office were robberies, aggravated assaults, and motor vehicle thefts. Sheriff Jenkins said, "I believed that having taken the time to listen to concerns of residents throughout Frederick County with the town hall meetings and our community policing efforts, and being responsive to those concerns, has really started to pay dividends to our citizens. The numbers are improving, and while we are more visible than ever throughout Frederick County, much credit should be given to the cooperation and involvement of the public. We all have to work together to be successful, and the numbers would indicate that we are."

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FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE & MARYLAND STATE POLICE
STATISTICS FOR FREDERICK COUNTY
Statistical Summary
Part I Offenses

Incidents	2008	2009	Amount Changes	Percent Changes
Criminal Homicides	2	8	+6	+300
Rapes	11	12	+1	+9
Robberies	26	28	+2	+8
Assaults – Aggravated	262	204	-58	-22
Burglaries / B&E's	333	350	+17	+5
Thefts	1,682	1578	-104	-6
Motor Vehicle Thefts	92	64	-28	-30
Total Part I Offenses	2,408	2244	-164	-7

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Crime Analysis Statistical Summary
Part I Offenses

Incidents	2008	2009	Amount Change	Percent Change
Criminal Homicides	1	4	+3	+300
Rapes	8	10	+2	+25
Robberies	16	14	-2	-13
Assaults – Aggravated	207	162	-45	-22
Burglaries / B&E's	257	254	-3	-1
Thefts	1281	1113	-168	-13
Motor Vehicle Thefts	66	47	-19	-29
Total Part I Offenses	1836	1604	-232	-13

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MARYLAND STATE POLICE
Crime Analysis Statistical Summary
Part I Crimes

Incidents	2008	2009	Amount Change	Percent Change
Criminal Homicides	1	4	+3	+300
Rapes	3	2	-1	-33
Robberies	10	14	+4	+40
Assaults - Aggravated	55	42	-13	-24
Burglaries / B&E's	76	96	+20	+26
Thefts	401	465	+64	+16
Motor Vehicle Thefts	26	17	-9	-35
Total Part I Offenses	572	640	+68	+12

Note: Figures obtained from UCR Statistical Reports, 2007 and 2008, Actual Offenses

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